

Tango General Information

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General Product Information

Tango is a full-featured visual development tool that integrates ODBC-compliant SQL databases, such as Oracle, Informix, Sybase, SQL Server and Butler SQL with Web servers. Tango lets Web administrators rapidly create Web applications that access databases without writing any SQL (Structured Query Language) and very little HTML (HyperText Markup Language) code.

Tango is comprised of two products:

Tango Development Studio is used to develop and maintain Tango applications. It comes with the Tango Editor and a "run-time" version of the server so you can test your applications before deployment.

Tango Application Server is used to deploy the applications created with the Editor. It can be run on the same machine as the webserver, or on a separate machine with links to one or several web servers. In this case, a CGI needs to be added to the webserver to connect the webserver to the Tango Application Server.

The format of the database results is completely customizable, with both standard HTML formatting and special HTML meta-tags for database columns, variables, etc.

Version 3.0 is currently shipping for NT, Solaris, SGI IRIX, and AIX. It will be shipping for the Macintosh in April. This version is a major upgrade from version 2.0, and includes most of the common ODBC drivers needed to connect to major Database Systems.

Platforms Supported

Platforms Available:	Windows NT/95 (32-bit native) MacOS Solaris SPARC SGI IRIX AIX
Databases:	Any ODBC-compliant database (i.e. Oracle, Sybase, Informix, SQL Server, FoxPro, Microsoft Access)
Direct DB Connections:	FileMaker Pro Butler SQL (EveryWare Development) Oracle DB2
WebServer APIs:	NSAPI ISAPI WSAPI CGIs

Pricing

Special site license pricing is available to the NIH through CandyLAN, a service from CIT to distribute licensed software to the DHHS Community. Tango is an optional add on to the standard HHS Workstation package.

To order the product, contact your candy stripper. You can find out who that is by going to the CandyLAN web site at <http://candylan.nih.gov/scripts/guests/faces/faces.asp> and locating your institute.

Your Institute's Candy stripper can download the software from the Candylan site at: <http://candylan.nih.gov/Review/Default.htm>. The pricing is:

Tango Development Studio for 95/NT	\$250	All you need if someone else is hosting your applications or if you have more than one person doing development work.
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Tango Development Studio for Mac	????	Same as above. No pricing info as product has not been released. (Probably close to NT/95 pricing.)
Tango Application Server* for NT	\$1,500	Needed to run your own server; includes one Editor for development.
Tango Application Server for Mac	?????	Same as above. Pricing should be lower than NT version.
Tango for Solaris, SGI, or AIX	????	No site license available; contact Jim Del Priore for pricing

*TAS cannot run on Windows 95; requires NT server.

Training

The Tango training course is strongly encouraged. While it is very easy to get started using Tango, there is a steep learning curve to really apply all the power and flexibility of the program.

The Division of Workforce Development offers the course as part of their training program. It is a 3 or 4 day hands-on course, usually run once a semester.

Application Hosting

For those people who want to create their own applications but not run the server, CIT is starting a Tango Application hosting service. If you are interested, contact Sandy Desautels at publish@dcrt.nih.gov. Tango consulting support and application development is also available.